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SUBJECT: GATT COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT

GATT SECRETARIAT HAS ISSUED ITS BACKGROUND NOTE FOR REVIEW  
OF IMPLEMENTATION OF PART IV (COM.TD/W/270 DATED 12 JUNE)  
THAT WILL SERVE AS BASIS FOR DISCUSSION UNDER AGENDA  
ITEM ONE OF JUNE 23 MEETING. THREE PARAGRAPHS RELATING TO  
US ACTIONS READ AS FOLLOWS:

14. AS OF 1 JANUARY 1978, THE UNITED STATES ADDED THREE  
PRODUCTS TO ITS GSP SCHEME FOLLOWING THE REVIEW UNDER-  
TAKEN IN THE SECOND HALF OF 1977, AND IN SPITE OF REQUESTS  
FOR THE REMOVAL OF A NUMBER OF ITEMS FROM THE LIST, NONE  
WERE REMOVED. THE 1978 ANNUAL REVIEW RESULTED IN THE  
ADDITION OF ELEVEN ITEMS TO THE GSP LIST AND THE DELETION  
OF A PORTION OF ONE ITEM WITH NEGLIGIBLE TRADE. TOTAL  
TRADE IN THE ELEVEN ITEMS DURING 1977 WAS \$48.5 MILLION,  
WITH BENEFICIARY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ACCOUNTING  
FOR APPROXIMATELY \$36.2 MILLION OF THE TOTAL. CERTAIN  
AMENDMENTS HAVE ALSO BEEN INTRODUCED AS A RESULT OF THE  
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APPLICATION OF THE COMPETITIVE NEED LIMITATION PROVISIONS  
OF THE 1974 TRADE ACT (L/4299/ADD.8).

19. IN DECEMBER 1977, THE UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE  
COMMISSION REPORTED TO THE PRESIDENT ITS FINDINGS THAT  
IMPORTS OF HIGH-CARBON FERROCHROMIUM WERE A SUBSTANTIAL  
CAUSE OF THE THREAT OF SERIOUS INJURY TO DOMESTIC PRO-

DUCERS. THE COMMISSION RECOMMENDED INCREASES IN THE RATE OF IMPORT DUTY. IN ANOTHER FINDING, WITH RESPECT TO LAG SCREWS OR BOLTS, THE COMMISSION ALSO RECOMMENDED DUTY INCREASES. FOLLOWING CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN UNITED STATES OFFICIALS AND INTERESTED GATT CONTRACTING PARTIES UNDER ARTICLE XIX, AND A REVIEW OF OTHER PERTINENT FACTORS, THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES DETERMINED THAT IT WOULD NOT BE IN THE NATIONAL ECONOMIC INTEREST TO PROVIDE IMPORT RELIEF TO DOMESTIC PRODUCERS OF HIGH-CARBON FERRO-CHROMIUM AND LAG SCREWS OR BOLTS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMISSION (L/4617 AND ADD.1 AND L/4621 AND ADD.1).

33. THE UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION REPORTED TO THE PRESIDENT IN FEBRUARY 1978 THAT IT HAD DETERMINED THAT CITIZENS BAND RADIO TRANSCEIVERS WERE BEING IMPORTED INTO THE UNITED STATES IN SUCH INCREASED QUANTITIES AS TO BE A SUBSTANTIAL CAUSE OF SERIOUS INJURY OR THE THREAT OF SERIOUS INJURY TO THE DOMESTIC INDUSTRY. THE COMMISSIONERS RECOMMENDED THE IMPOSITION OF AD VALOREM IMPORT DUTIES IN ADDITION TO THE PRESENT RATES OF DUTY. PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION NO. 4561 ISSUED IN APRIL PROVIDED FOR A TARIFF INCREASE WITH RESPECT TO SUCH TRANSCEIVERS (EXCEPT HAND-HELD), (UNITED STATES TARIFF ITEM 685.25) TO 21 PER CENT AD VALOREM IN THE FIRST YEAR ENDING 10 APRIL 1979, TO BE PHASED DOWN IN THREE PERCENTAGE POINT INTERVALS FOR THE UNCLASSIFIED

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FOLLOWING TWO YEARS. THE DUTY WOULD THEN REVERT TO ITS CURRENT RATE OF 6 PER CENT AD VALOREM. THIS ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN UNDER GATT ARTICLE XIX. THE PROCLAMATION ALSO REMOVED THE ITEM FROM GSP ELIGIBILITY. THE UNITED STATES HAS, WITH EFFECT FROM 11 NOVEMBER 1977, IMPOSED IMPORT FEES ON SUGAR, SYRUPS AND MOLASSES AND RAISED DUTIES ON CERTAIN OF THESE ITEMS (L/4634 AND ADD.1 AND 2; L/4612). VANDEN HEUVEL

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